

sioners may provide by ordinance for rules and regulations regarding the use of competitive bidding and contracts for municipal purchases.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

787. Authorized. Amendments to the charter of the Town of Thurmont may be made as hereinafter provided, and such amendments shall have the same force of law as if they had been enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland. The word, "amendments" as used in this article shall include alterations and additions.

787A. Proposal by Board of Commissioners. Amendments may be proposed by a favorable majority vote of all the members of the Board of Commissioners. The mayor shall not have the power to veto an amendment ordinance. The ordinance proposing an amendment shall provide for an expression of the will of the qualified voters at a special or the next succeeding general election. Special charter amendment elections shall be administered as other elections. Charter amendments shall enact a new section or sections, or they shall repeal a section or sections of the charter and re-enact the same as amended.

787B. Proposal by Charter Commission. The Board of Commissioners may by ordinance authorize and direct the mayor to appoint a charter commission to amend this charter or propose a new charter. Any charter amendment or new charter proposed by a duly constituted charter commission shall be submitted by the Board of Commissioners, without change or modification, before the next succeeding regular town election or at the next succeeding regular town election; provided, that such charter amendment or new charter shall be submitted to the Board of Commissioners at least sixty days before any regular town election at which such amendment or new charter is to be submitted to the qualified voters of the town.

787C. Advertisement. The Board of Commissioners shall authorize, at town expense, an advertisement of any charter amendment or new charter to be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Thurmont at least once a week for four weeks immediately preceding an election at which such amendment or new charter is to be voted on. This advertisement shall contain the date of the election and a true copy of the proposed amendment or new charter, or a true and unbiased complete description of the subject-matter concerned. Such advertisement shall